

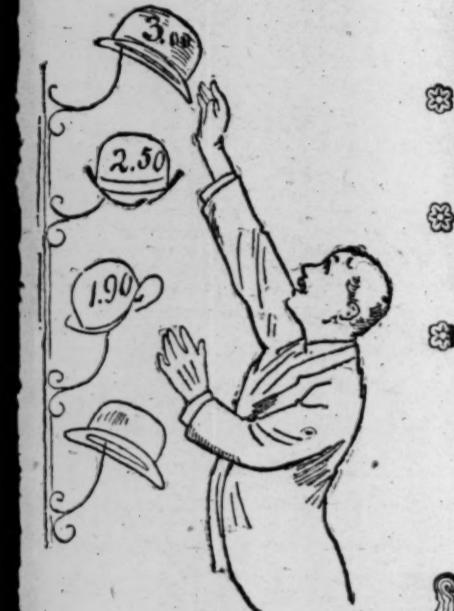
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BASE BALL.

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 24.—Fred Pfeifer may play second 3-base for and captain the Louisville team next season after all. Fredrick Stecky has written to Andrew Stecky to trade his services for him. It so happens that the team now is perfectly equipped with men and both clubs. The team now has men who can never second perfectly, but needs another outfielder.

SHOOTING NOTES.  
To-day is the last day to enter for the boys' bare and round chase at Forest Park next Sunday. Entries must be made with John C. Meyers.

Steinitz arrived at Havana, Cuba, yesterday. All being well, the chess match between Steinitz and Tschigorin will be opened next Sunday.

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## WHAT CHILI MAY DO

Little Prospect of an Apology for the Valparaiso Murders.

FORCE MAY BE REQUIRED TO CAUSE AN EXPRESSION OF REGRET.

President-Elect Montt to be Inaugurated To-Morrow—Police Spin Still Haunt the American Legation in Santiago—Possible Ally in Peru-South American Affair.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—The result of the conference with Chili has up to this point of the courts on the Valparaiso affair and the character of the reply which the new Chilean Government will make to the demand of the United States for reparation. This demand was made by Senator Harrison on Oct. 25, through Minister Egan, based upon the report of Capt. Schley of the Baltimore, whose sailing was delayed by the Valparaiso mob on the 10th of that month.

It is held that if Chili was not responsible for the actions of the mob in Valparaiso, the disavowal of the mob's acts and an expression of the regret for the assault and its results would have removed every cause for insisting upon an immediate apology, for the regret would have been regarded as all the apology that diplomatic respect, for the criminal investigation. There

is not been a word of regret from Chili since the news of the killing of the Baltimore's men was received. On the contrary, the assault upon the Baltimore's men has been followed by acts of sympathy and support by people all inspired by a feeling of hostility assumed to be a continuation of the feelings that led to the killing of the bluejackets, none of whom had been deserters. The Legation in the United States has been singled out as an object of conspicuous and repeated annoyances, which ought to have been prevented.

What that lets so prominent is the belief in Washington that the reply of the Minister of Foreign Affairs to Secretary Blaine will be a disavowal of "Chili's" responsibility for the acts of the mob, which were not by the tenor of all dispatches recently received from Minister Egan, and the indications are that Chili will only express regret for the conduct of the mob which she is compelled to do in the United States ships.

The suggestion has been made that in the event of hostilities between the United States and Chili could easily be made out of this, and that the public would eagerly join in a war against her neighbor, with the view of getting back the big slice of her territory taken by Chili in the last war between them.

The result of this would be exacted at the price of her assistance as deputes of supplies for warships.

PRESIDENT MONTT.

THERE MAY BE TROUBLE AT THE INAUGURATION CEREMONIES TO-MORROW.

VALPARAISO, Chili, Dec. 25.—The inauguration of President George Montt takes place at the capitol to-morrow. The rumors of plots and meditated revolts have caused a feeling of anxiety among political officials. It is the general impression, however, that the ceremony of installing the legally elected President will pass off without any incident to mar the importance of the event. Preparations are not lacking to put down any trouble.

The last few nights there has been unbroken activity aboard the Chilean war-ships in this harbor.

Each quarter electric lights have been thrown on the forts, and the sailors have all been summoned. Many of the Chileans in vigilance have been shown also in guarding the arsenals. It is represented that as many as 10,000 men are now in the United States and Chili would be settled amicably, as he did not believe the example of either nation did to their mutual trouble.

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## WITH GLAD HEARTS.

Christmas Day Is Being Welcomed in St. Louis.

## THE GRAND OLD HOLIDAY COMES AMID SUNSHINE AND GENIAL WEATHER.

Christmas Music Fills the Air and the Spirit of Christmas Reigns Supreme—How the Day Is Being Observed Locally—Business Suspended and Home Merrymakings Prevail.

Christmas bells, Christmas horns, Christmas greetings and Christmas hearts welcomed the arrival of Christmas in St. Louis to-day. The sun awoke bright and early to lead in the celebration, and a gentle south wind swept the clouds away, so that the sun could have a fair field for its Christmas shining. The whole great city gleamed under its early rays, and, as the day awoke, full of gladness and merriment, so it was Christmas Day somehow crept through every part of its being. The thrill of Christmas entered into every waking heart, and as the streets began to fill with their armfuls of Christmas holiday-makers, the glad countenance of the grandest festival known to the history of man in a chorus of good-will and happy greeting.

For long years the spirit of the season has had a significance which might well cause humanity's heart to throb for joy. It was the gladdest watch-word possible to humanity ever since that wondrous night when a strange star appeared in the heavens to the shepherds in the stable near Bethlehem. Then came the melody of the shepherds' song—the immortal

showed in their songs, and exercises that they fully appreciated the occasion.

The churchgoers gathered here to celebrate yesterday. The room was crowded with interested parents to see the little ones go through their exercises. The room was filled with the fragrance of the air was the beautiful Christmas tree, which was loaded with gifts made by the children. The scenes and dancing feet attested the joy within.

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Religious Services Held by the Various Denominations.

Christmas is pre-eminent religious festival. The wondrous aspect of the celebration should be noted without the religious side, even the practices of Christmas giving having its origin in the offerings of gold, frankincense and myrrh presented by the Magi to the infant Savior. The fact that the central figure in the feast is the Babe of Bethlehem has made it above all a feast of childhood. The joy with which one babe brought into the world has been carried on by the joy-bringing gifts showered this day upon children. It is the brightest, perhaps, of all religion festivals, and yet full of the most profound significance.

A feast of the Nativity is always celebrated with full solemnity in the Episcopal and Roman Catholic Churches. The bright sunlight which broke through the early morning darkness to bring the light of hope and salvation to the world, the atmosphere of the different churches were crowded with people wending their way to divine service.

The celebration of the feast began property at the church of the Assumption of the Virgin in Excelsis" from the chapels of convents and cloisters and floated out on the air like a sweet perfume. Very

little less entrancing in purity and gentleness than the sweet message that was first heard by the shepherds in the stable near Bethlehem. Then came the melody of the shepherds' song—the immortal

MIDNIGHT MASS.

Midnight mass was celebrated in the cathedral of the Good Shepherd, Mt. Carmel, Visitation, Sacred Heart and Sisters of Mercy. At the Carmelite Convent there was a special service of interest.

The penitential air which always pervades the cloister was apparent in the quietude of the church. The service with hymns and psalms.

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of a retired merchant of New York. She testified that she had brain fever when 15 years old and typhoid fever at 25. Since then she has been well. She stated that she was delicate, but perfectly sane, and her sister Rosetta tried to have her out of the house.

Dr. Douglas did not consider her insane. Judge Cullen appointed Dr. John C. Shaw, a lunacy expert, to report upon her condition next Wednesday.

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## A SPRIG OF MISTLETOE.

What It Brought to Phenie on Christmas Eve.

Written for the SUNDAY POST-DISPATCH.

"Your paw's only been dead two years, Phenie."

"Maw, I haven't forgot—"

"You act like you hev. I'm this way—if I'm givin' and a-sorrown' I don't keer to mix with them that's rollin'kin' and ca-vornin'—that's me."

She sighed in a self-satisfied fashion as she turned her head on the cushion chair cushion.

Her hair was thin, her eyes craggy, and she had a cheerful look, touching her fine nature, the rose-decorated china vase on the high mantel, the well-blacked cook stove. It failed, however, to impress Mr. Lincoln's face any semblance of kindness.

Nothing could have made him more than he was, in which the very muscles looked so heavy and stiff that the cold gray eyes moved with rigor, as though set in stone.

"I'm better now," said the other woman, lacing her fingers nervously.

She was thin and white and looked as if she had felt all her life, like the sprig of mistletoe, but her body was nothing more remarkable than she.

She was young, but she had an oldish look, the result of long repression and few associates.

"I promise to be?"

"Then asked me to dash up the ice cream,

None of the other girls wanted to. You

have to stay in the kitchen all evening. That's

what they goin' to hev no tree for the children."

"No'm—only cream and cake. Sally Lyly's

just got home from Georgetown, and she

says trees are out of style for Sunday-school

Christmases don't. Maw, I reckon I better

not go."

Mrs. Lincoln surveyed her daughter criti-

cally.

Phenie wore a black gown. So far her

mother approved her, but the girl had turned in the ill-fitting waist a little at the throat, and there was a scrap of white ribbon tied about her slight neck. She reddened under that scrutiny.

"Get your shawl and go," said Mrs. Lin-

coln. "I ain't got no more to say—only I hope

you'll be good and cross."

The crowd had already begun to pour into the little church when Phenie arrived, breathless.

"Come right in here and help cut these

cakes," said Mrs. Lyly to her, as she came in.

"Then the girls will be on our account."

She nodded toward the dimly lighted school room; its deep walls brightly lighted.

A number of young men stood about, and, in attendance on these, Phenie could see the "other girls," fresh-faced village maidens, in their stiff, prim dresses, their fair crisply styled, penciled in little curly locks.

Phenie's fingers mighty sweet to-night—there

she is over the pulpit—look, Phenie!"

Phenie followed Mrs. Lyly's gaze. A rosy flush, fluttering with excitement, was on the young girl's face before a young man of one of the tables. She bantered him gayly,

and took off over his shoulder at her.

Phenie straightened up.

"Oh! said she, "I didn't know he was here."

"Mrs. Lyly stared.

"You mean the preacher's son? Yes, Sam got here this afternoon—he's been teachin' school up in Carroll County since his mar jest can't keep her eyes off him!" The preacher's son and wife were at the table with the young, fellow-clerk, who was in full泡 with the plaid air of unambitious country folk. Their son, however, had a vigorous look.

He was tall and sinewy, and wore his black hair braided upward, in direct defiance of the most tried and tested rules of propriety. His locks of the other young men present in a sleek promontory down the middle of their brows.

These other young men hung about the door in a dumb state of apathy, as a result of bashfulness, or perhaps of bad taste, or, worse, and then they cast furtive glances at the excited girls running around with their trays.

Phenie, however, was too busy to notice his visit to her work of serving the waitresses.

The preacher's stud had been turned into a fat, plump, well-fed, well-dressed young man in black folks, looked anusterly down on the unwonted gayeties. His writing table was placed in the corner, and he sat there, perhaps, that the endless sermons which the good man compiled upon its broad lap.

"Gosh, I'm tired," said Mrs. Lyly, bursting in, "and, hurry, Phenie! Sam Bullock's asked me to refreshments, and I've got to get some more for him."

She balanced her tray, watching Phenie as she wiped the salt from the edges of the plates. Her countenance seemed to strike her as she waited.

"You and Sam used to be right good friends, didn't you?"

"Phenie bent over the freezer.

"When you went to school, I mean, long ago."

"We're good friends yet," said Phenie, calmly. "Here's your cream, Sally."

Sally took it.

"Sam's tired," said Phenie, "give me that piece of mistletoe, Phenie! We'll be havin' fun with it."

It snatched the heavy sprig and ran off, laughing.

Phenie looked after her, a little wistfulness in her face.

There was a bit of mirror tacked against the wall, and she gave a hurried, deprecating look at her reflection.

How old she looked in her poor black gown beside these gay young girls in their stiff muslin!

Her hair went back into an uncompromising little knot. No wonder he—

she had stopped at that point in her thoughts with a gasp.

Ab, the dark-eyed boy was there again,

the boy holding his lips close against the girl's lashes! What to him was this little glad, pale worshiper, touching at his garb as he passed.

Since the apple days of youth, when young Bullock had let her do his sums and clean his shirt, she had been a good girl, and as loyally as she had served his boyish whims.

He had been away for two years; he had come back to find a partner, it was in Southeastern Kentucky. Perhaps he had ever forgotten her name?

Phenie's eyes met his, her apprehensive eye through the glass, she felt sure that she had no place in his memory. He was still talking to Sally, and, as she turned away, she snatched the sprig of mistletoe and stuck it in her lapel, glancing as he did so toward the study, and saying, "I'm sorry, but I only which mother looks at him rather curiously."

"Will you?" he said. "Will you, Sally?"

Phenie shut the door sharply, a strange heaviness in her throat under the piteous white ribbon.

Most of the people had been served. Mrs. Lyly had gone into the other room. The study was quite empty and very still, for all the outer world of revelry was still.

Phenie still stood for a moment, the happiness which comes to a woman when dreams and visions come to their downy wings and steal away.

Her plump hand hung behind the door. She thought.

It was bright and clear, and the sky was filled with an opal glow, while the whitened clouds of the hamlet and the distant town gave the distance a soft, warm grayness.

Phenie's heart ached with pain, tears as she went past the silent cottages toward the hill, the ochre-colored walls, far down the road, of which she was the only one to see her mother's lamp. She drew up rather short as she reached the gate, held fast by a solid iron bar, and then, with a sharp intake of breath, burst into the garden. There she stood, those Lynn-eyes which would at once make sharp indentures into the trusting pallor of the flowerbeds in her own garden.

She laid her cheek against the cold fence-post, and tried to compose herself. Far off the lighted church presented its windows in orange-hued arches, as if it eddied out a golden glow, radiating warmth. Christmas cheer.

"I ought to be glad they're happy," sobbed Phenie, breathing hard at last, and vaguely aware that the welfare of one's neighbors arouses no active sense of gratitude when one is so wretched.

With the man refused to sit, he did not even try to make strength, and perhaps hoped to beat us off. He killed two of our men, and we beat him, and he lay on the start. It was all over in five minutes. We entered to him, and made him lie down. He lay down, and I lay down beside him. His last, and farthest, father's heart, his life-blood went out of him in his side.

We had captured our man, but there was no cheering. There lay our dead under the

## THE STORY OF HEROD.

Julian Hawthorne on the Slaughter of the Innocents.

Written for the SUNDAY POST-DISPATCH.

The name of Herod is among the black ones

of history; no one, I believe, has ever

attempted to remove the stain upon it.

He was a man of questionable character,

but he was the worth or worthlessness of their pretensions to be the leaders of men.

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MR. ELKINS is undoubtedly eligible to a place in the Cabinet in Ottawa.

CITIZEN MANSFIELD is admirably qualified for the position of bogey-man.

It is not too late to make a success of this Christmas by making some happy.

The "Sunday Post-Dispatch" is read by 40 per cent of the English speaking people of St. Louis.

In using Clerk LAIDLAW as a "buffer" for a dynamite bomb Mr. SAGE illustrated the use which Wall street magnates usually make of poor men.

THE President's Christmas present to Congresswoman DALZELL is WARMCASTLE's head upon a charger. Politically speaking this is not a happy Christmas for Mr. QUAY.

EX-SENATOR INGALLS speaks feelingly of the "devastation wrought by the baleful campaign of 1890." The ex-Senator views it from the most affecting standpoint.

The 4,000 pairs of shoes and stockings given to the poor children to-day are the crowning gifts of Santa Claus and will be put where they will do the most good. They will warm hearts as well as feet.

TWO NEW YORK editors are engaged in a quarrel. In a four-column editorial one addressed the other as impudentissimus. The other refused to plead until the epithet was changed to impudentissime, and that became the vocative case.

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The case of poor LAIDLAW, the broker's clerk, who suffered the effects of the bomb intended for RUSSELL SAGE, merely emphasizes the fact that in a conflict of interests between millionaire sharks and poor men, the poor men always get the worst of it.

EARL RUSSELL is coming to this country to lecture. No doubt he will be immensely successful, but he would make much more if he would bring with him Lord ARTHUR SOMERSET, Collars and Cuffs and his papa, the Prince of Wales, against such an aggregation the World's Fair would not be in it.

THE howling dervish of the Republic still insists that Speaker CRISP is owned by GORMAN and BRUCE, yet he has appointed a free silver coinage committee and GORMAN and BRUCE represent the strongest opposition to free silver in the Democratic party. Lying about the Speaker chosen by the party is about as dirty a business as a self-constituted organ can engage in.

RESPECT for the office of Jury Commissioner, if not for himself, should have induced FIELDING MANSFIELD to keep his hands out of the dirty pools of crookedness any department of the City Government. The spectacle of a Jury Commissioner talking about swinging influence against officials who are doing their duty in the work of uncovering robbery, is not a pleasing one.

EX-SENATOR INGALLS probably thinks by this that principle is a useful thing. Before his defeat, but while it was impending, he changed his course and tried to curry favor with the opposition. This did not avail and after his failure he went still farther in criticising his own

party. He suffers the fate of trimmers, who cannot trim against death, and is now discredited in both parties.

LITTLE ONES' DAY.

Christmas is Little Ones' Day. Realities must give place to childhood illusions. It is a day which can be enjoyed only by the young in heart. Whether they are young in years does not matter. He who would enjoy Christmas must put away many things and play for a time with the toys and fancies of childhood.

To children the day is not a holy day, but a holiday. The fictions of the nursery drawn from the woods of Germany will well nigh crowded out of thought the event which gives the day its name.

The "glad tidings" communicated to the shepherds of Bethlehem are repeated in the hymns, but too often as a matter of duty and routine. The real gladness lies in the expectation of Santa Claus and the remembrances he leaves. Many an old one would gladly entertain the faith in the story of the shepherds which the little one implicitly reposes in the story of the jolly gentleman and the reindeers. But pure faith is possible only to the child.

The happiest moments in life are probably those during childhood, when we entertain charming old stories thinking them truths. They are stimulating and suggestive, helpful to the imagination, and as mental food of far greater worth than many dark-colored, prosaic facts. No one can estimate the nourishment contained in myth. Myth is the milk for babies spoken by the apostle; and the very best milk it is, for it is not wholly fancy.

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## MAHER'S BATTLES.

A Record of the Irish Champion's Ring Achievements.

HE HAS A LONG STRING OF VICTORIES OVER SCRUB PUGILISTS.

The Real Merits of Madden's Protege Still an Unknown Quantity—Description of a Celebrated Old Time Race—Charles Mitchell Severely Scored—Sullivan and Slavin—Other Sporting Matters.

Peter Maher, the Irish champion, whom the San Francisco clubs are endeavoring to match against Joe Choyinski, is the best fighter that has represented the Emerald Isle for years. Although a majority of prize fighters are either sons or friends of Sullivan, Kirrath would actually have been compelled to reuse himself if he had not been compelled by his reason for exiling himself from dear old Ireland to make a good living in America. He is hardly known as he has only met inferior fighters. These he has most invariably whipped with ease and in short order. Should he battle with Choyinski some time when can be obtained?

Peter Maher was born in County Galway, Ireland, twenty-three years ago. He stands five feet 11½ inches high, and weighs about 11 stone, 5 pounds.

He began his athletic career when an employee of Guinness's brewery. A well-known tough of Dublin, who bore the title of "Dublin Terror," was the first opponent that Maher met, and he was fated to lose. After battling for two hours and forty-five minutes, Peter knocked out the bully.

Although Maher was badly used up, the victory gave him immediate standing as a boxer.

He next entered as a competitor in Tony Sage's amateur competition in the "Round Room" in the Rotunda in Sackville street, Dublin. His bout was won by a man named J. E. Sullivan, who, though over six feet tall and weighing 200 pounds, was locally called "the chihuahua of Ireland."

Maher beat him in three rounds.

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Maher was now hailed as the amateur champion of Ireland.

His first battle as a professional was with Jim O'Doherty, in Dublin. The police interfered, and stopped the fight in the sixth round.

Then he entered with his friend, P. McGuire, in an English competition. Maher, after two vicious battles, defeated both his opponents. In the final he had to face the famous Bob Clegg, who, though twice his size, was beaten in the first round.

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He was to box Maher, but the contest was a farce.

The Irish champion's next important match was with Allie Bowman, for a purse of £20. The contest was decided in Dublin, in August, 1880, in favor of the Irishman, who won less than the regular size. Only six rounds were fought, and Maher knocked out the Englishman. This victory gave Maher some standing.

Maher, in the fall of 1880, marched to box at Dublin, and was beaten by a boxer from San Francisco, but the police authorities would not permit the contest to take place.

He then entered a competition to fight Gus Lambert of Canada for £100 a side. The battle was fought in the Piccadilly Club, in Dublin, on November 1, 1881, and those who witnessed the bout will probably not forget the affair. Only one round was fought, and Maher won one minute, Maher proving the winner.

After this victory, Maher packed his traps and went to America, and started his career for America.

Since his arrival here, Maher has met and defeated all the best fighters.

His first contest was fought in Philadelphia, with "Bubbles" Davis, "Bubbles" having won.

After this he met Jim Daly of Philadelphia and succeeded in knocking him out four times.

Jack Fallon, known as the "Brooklyn Strong Boy," thought to come to New York in 1881, but he was taken in by Maher, Fallon to sleep in a stable at the end of which a Police Inspector stopped the fight.

In the second round, Fallon was knocked out in the third round. Then he journeyed to Buffalo, N. Y., to seek his fortune.

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HUNTINGTON, Ind., Dec. 25.—Michael Toomy and Jennie Reed, deaf mutes, were married on Monday, and yesterday the groom was

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LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 25.—The body of Miss Minnie Crowe, who was accidentally killed while shooting Dwight Linday, was sent to Denver, Colo., last night. The Coroner's Jury found that the killing was accidental.

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